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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the State of Virginia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, grant to this Nation and to all people a social conscience built on the vision of the ancient prophets, who saw sufficiency for every person at a time when anxiety and fear would be overcome by good will.

Lord, hasten the day when the small and weak can make their contributions alongside the great and powerful. Lead us to the day when we will see peace among the nations of the Earth.

Today, use the Members of this body to bring us to the time when wealth devoted to war can be channeled into paths of peace. Let Your glory cover the Earth as the waters cover the sea.

We pray this in the Name of Him who deserves praise, honor, and glory, world without end. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JIM WEBB led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 4, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WEBB thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

THE CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as the prayer was being delivered by our Chaplain, I was here at my place, along with Senator BOXER. During the prayer, Senator BOXER said, "Wow." That really was a "wow" prayer—a prayer that called for peace and understanding. I wish I could recite it from memory, as the good Chaplain did, with his great ability to restate things that have been said. We really appreciated that prayer. I was very impressed, as I am so often, by the thoughtfulness of this prayer. This was a prayer which could have been uttered in a synagogue, in a Catholic mass, or any religious gathering in the world.

This would have been fitting for any of them.

We are very fortunate to have this retired admiral, who came to the Senate in his capacity as our Chaplain, to recite prayers and lead us, as he often does, in discussions. I am without words to express my appreciation for his good work.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today the Senate will resume consideration of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act legislation. Senators WHITEHOUSE, CARDIN, and FEINGOLD have said they will come and offer three amendments this afternoon. After finishing these, we will have about eight more amendments offered. They will all have time agreements, except Senator FEINSTEIN's, but that is not a problem at all. They can probably work out the language on that, and it probably won't have to be debated.

There is no reason we cannot finish this most important legislation tomorrow. We should vote on those three amendments tonight. I hope we can do that. There will be other things that can be debated tonight.

Tomorrow, I would like to come in and have three of the most controversial amendments offered in the morning. One deals with the Dodd-Feingold amendment to strike retroactive immunity from the legislation—that part of the Intelligence Committee legislation; the amendment offered by Senator CARDIN, who changed the—one amendment is to take away retroactive immunity. The other is to deal with

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